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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Ed Rafferty as he retires
4 from his career in School District 54; and

5 WHEREAS, Ed Rafferty's entire educational career has been
6 in School District 54; he began in 1976 as a special education
7 teacher; in 1983 he became the truant alternative program
8 specialist, in 1986 the coordinator for behavior disorder
9 services, in 1990 the director of special services, in 1994 the
10 assistant superintendent of special services, and in 2004 the
11 superintendent; and

12 WHEREAS, Ed Rafferty has been recognized with numerous
13 awards over the years including the 2012 Illinois State Board
14 of Education Those Who Excel Award in the administrator
15 category; in 2010, he was named the Illinois Superintendent of
16 the Year; he received the National Organization on
17 Disability/National School Boards Association Honorary Award
18 for Service to Persons with Disabilities in March 2001, the
19 Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder Award in
20 recognition of outstanding contribution to excellence in
21 education in November 1996, and the Commitment to Excellence
22 Award was given to District 54's Special Education Department
23 for its work with children with Down Syndrome in November 2003;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Ed Rafferty helped implement a myriad of changes
3 to the educational process in District 54; he instituted
4 tighter schedules to provide more uninterrupted and protected
5 time for instruction in the core areas and fine arts areas; he
6 saw that every student has the opportunity for intervention or
7 enrichment opportunities; he helped develop essential outcomes
8 for every grade-level curricular area; common district
9 assessments and grade-level assessments have been written and
10 implemented, professional development priorities are focused
11 and support best practices, and administrators, teachers, and
12 support staff evaluation systems are aligned to the district's
13 student learning goals; the Measures of Academic Progress
14 assessment was installed in all 27 schools by the spring of
15 2007 to provide timely, consistent data to used to determine if
16 the goals are being met; and

17 WHEREAS, Ed Rafferty served as president on the board of
18 directors of the Illinois Special Olympics and on the Illinois
19 Advisory Council for Bilingual Education; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we are pleased to honor Ed Rafferty as he retires from his
23 career in School District 54, thank him for his commitment to

1 education, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours;
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Ed Rafferty as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.